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**GERMANS TAKE THE
OFFENSIVE; BEGIN
FIRING AT YPRES****So Far They Have Been Un-
able to Dislodge the
Allies.****BRITISH TROOPS REINFORCED****Russian Torpedo Boats Sink Four
Turkish Vessels in a Black Sea Har-
bor. Reports from Constantinople
Say Revolutionary Talk is General.**

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 19.—Heavy fighting has been going on since early Monday around Ypres, where the Germans have taken an all-out offensive, says a Dutch correspondent. Their efforts to occupy Ypres have thus far been unsuccessful. Many fresh British troops have arrived at this front.

A correspondent at Solvay, near Ypres, writes that the Germans have issued proclamations forbidding the inhabitants to discuss the war under penalty of a heavy fine or long imprisonment. "Some of the inhabitants have actually been punished," the correspondent says. "In fact the prisoners are treated with more humane consideration than in the case of the German prisoners."

**RUSSIAN FLEET SINKS
FOUR TURKISH VESSELS**

By Associated Press.
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Ypres declares the authorities at Constantinople are suppressing news of Turkish defeats in the Caucasus. They have ordered the execution of any one spreading rumors of such a nature. The military rule in Constantinople is stricter today than ever before. Revolutionary rumors are numerous.

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Legislature.****HONOR FOR GREENSBURG MAN****Cyrus E. Woods Named Secretary of
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Governor Brumbaugh's message appears in full on page 5 of today's issue.

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HONOR FOR GREENSBURG MAN**W. H. Clingerman.****CLINGMAN'S RISE TO
HIGH POSITION RAPID****New President of Frick Company Only
17 Years in His Employment; Built
Up From a Small Beginning.**

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INSPECTED; ELECT
NEW LIEUTENANT****John L. Robinson of Union-
town Succeeds Roy Mil-
ler, Resigned.****COMPANY D'S GOOD SHOWING****Captain Charles Payne of Regular
Army Pays Band Hospital Corps
and Militia Company Through Prices
and Boys Go Through Drills in Style**

Prior to the annual inspection of Company D by Captain Charles Payne of the 10th Cavalry, U. S. A., last night, the company, composed of First Sergeant John L. Robinson of Uniontown to be second lieutenant, succeeded Roy Miller, resigned. At the last election there was a deadlock between Sergeant Robinson and Sergeant S. Franklin Cox, but in the meantime Cox withdrew, leaving the field open to his opponent, who was elected by acclamation.

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INVOLVES ARMY OF KIDS****Seventeen Youngsters Stage Their
Own "War" by House of Mrs. Who
Has Them Plucked.**

South Side boys who participated in a game of war the other day found themselves facing court martial in Alderman Munk's office last night. In the course of a battle between the Russians and the Germans, the latter having upon the enemy who were barricaded in an empty house owned by Frank Walker. In the battle that ensued, windows were broken and the interior of the house damaged considerably. Naturally the owner did not like this, so he had both armies, numbering 17 in all, arrested.

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OF J. V. THOMPSON****They Will Administer His
Vast Coal Land
Holdings.****WILL PREVENT A SACRIFICE****John P. Brennan, A. A. Thompson and
William G. Laidley Named by the
Court to Handle Affairs of Union-
town Magnate; Assets are Ample.**

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<p>\$1.00 and \$1.50 Silk Hose Women's Silk Hosiery, the "Onyx" make in all colors and black and white, regularly sells for \$1.00 and \$1.50. Mill Remnant Sale, pair 79c</p> <p>25c Lisle Hosiery Lisle hosiery for men and women. "Onyx" make, especially good values that sell regularly at 25c. Mill Remnant Sale, pair 15c</p>	<p>50c Mocha Gloves Mocha and Chamoisette Gloves in all colors and sizes, a splendid value, sells regularly at 50c. Mill Remnant Sale, pair 39c</p> <p>10c and 12½c Handkerchiefs Lot of women's handkerchiefs in white and colors—our 10c and 12½c kind, are slightly soiled. Mill Remnant Sale 5c</p>	<p>98c to \$1.98 Hat Shapes Velvet hat shapes in several blocks to select from, the latest models, regularly 98c to \$1.98. Mill Remnant Sale 49c</p> <p>\$8.00 Trimmed Hats Beautifully trimmed hats, silk velvet shapes with ostrich plumes and fancies, values up to \$8.00. Mill Remnant Sale \$1.95</p>	<p>\$1.25 Crochet Quilts Crochet Quilts, full 9-4 in size, in Marshalls patterns—extra good value. Mill Remnant Sale 89c</p> <p>\$2.25 Satin Quilts Splendid values in satin Quilts, extra large, exceedingly pretty patterns. Mill Remnant Sale \$1.50</p>	<p>75c Founcings Very fine Swiss Flouncings, 27 inches wide, wonderful values in dainty patterns. Mill Remnant Sale yard 59c</p> <p>10c Torchon Lace Lot of torchon laces, one to two inches in width, great values for the money. Mill Remnant Sale, yard 5c</p>
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THE E. DUNN STORE, CUTHBERTSON & ROE,
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Sunday with Miss Lou Patchell, Miss Roberta McCombs, who been spending a few days with Lucille Gibson, has returned to home in Jeannette.

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several days last week in county visiting relatives and friends.

H. P. Freeburn of Soudersville, business visitor in town on Saturday.

Paul Peters of Calverbrook

more glory from corn, bunfong.
Get a 25 cent box at any department store and relief. Wear smaller shoes once try "TIZ" Get a wool foot comfort for only 25 cent.

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Hitting the King Pin

First of all knock out the hindrance to health, then vigor of body and mind naturally follows.

Thousands, finding coffee a hindrance, have struck it from their daily diet and now use

POSTUM

Coffee contains a powerful irritant—caffeine—which first races the body functions to unnatural speed, and then leaves them in a state of exhaustion. Result—weak heart, nervousness, biliousness, headache, sleeplessness and many other ills and discomforts.

Postum—made only of prime wheat and a bit of wholesome molasses—is a pure food-drink, absolutely free from caffeine or any other drug or harmful substance.

Postum has delightful flavour, and comes in two forms: **Regular Postum**—must be boiled, 15c and 25c packages; **Instant Postum**—soluble, made from the cup instantly, 30c and 50c tins. The cost per cup is about the same for both kinds.

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PERSONAL.

Solemn Theatre today, the three reel costume drama, "The Beautiful Unknown." The Western comedy, "Training the Movies." Good show. 5 cents—Adv.

Mrs. Paul Dick and guest Miss Florence Hogg of Pittsburgh attended a card party in Uniontown yesterday afternoon.

Box T. M. Gadden of Dunbar was a Conneltsville visitor this morning.

G. C. Jarrett of Seaside was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Joan Hubbard is confined to her home in the West Side with rheumatism.

A. B. Kirta, the jeweler, left this morning for a business trip to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mary Pickford in "Behind the Screen" is a beautiful live reel motion picture, at the Colonial this afternoon and tonight—Adv.

Mrs. S. M. Fount of East Main street, went to Pittsburgh this morning to visit relatives.

Miss Mary Conchour is visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. David Poole of Seaside, was shopping in town today.

Miss Corbetta Goldstone, clerk for Carthage and Box, has returned to work, having recovered from an illness.

Miss Clara Moore was calling on friends in Uniontown yesterday.

Ray Wetherill of Pittsburgh, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wetherill of North Pittsburgh street over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Holland of Parkersburg, W. Va., who have been visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Sarah Jones, were called to Andrew, N. C., by the death of Mr. Holland's mother, Mrs. John Holland.

Miss Mary Leticia Sherlock is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sherlock on Edinboro avenue.

Mr. E. Kelly, manager of the Conneltsville Free Works, was a business visitor in Pittsburgh today.

WAR DIDN'T KILL TRADE

U. S. Exports and Imports Not So Much Less Than in 1912.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Only slight decreases in the foreign trade of the United States are shown for the year 1914, in spite of the demerit of the war, the decrease in the foreign trade during the early stages of the European war.

A summary issued by the Department of Commerce showed that the exports were \$2,111,272,000, compared with \$2,181,018,292 in 1913, and imports \$1,789,022,426, against \$1,792,576,180 in 1913. During December a favorable trade balance of \$133,863,077 was reached by the United States.

Exports of gold in December were \$1,100,000, compared with \$5,073,157 in December, 1913, and in the calendar year 1914, \$57,387,741, against \$57,700,812 in the preceding year.

Exports of cotton in December were \$1,100,000, compared with \$5,073,157 in December, 1913, and in the calendar year 1914, \$57,387,741, against \$57,700,812 in the preceding year.

Of the December imports 60 per cent entered free of duty and 40 per cent in December, 1914 and 48 per cent in December, 1913.

BIG WHEAT CROPS

Kansas Farmers are Getting a Good Price for Their Yield.

According to John Brooks of Norton, Kansas, who has just written to the Country Club, his wheat crop in Norton, Kansas, raised a big wheat crop of 100 bushels, \$1.25 a bushel, a fair crop which is bringing 60 cents a bushel. Cows and calves bring 25 cents a bushel, he says, potatoes \$1.50, hogs \$1.50 a hundred and chickens 10 cents a pound.

Mr. Brooks says that is a good country to make money in and points to the common crops this year. Out of the country surrounding Norton, he says, 1,500,000 bushels of wheat are expected over one branch of the Norton road.

Mr. Brooks has been a Courier subscriber for over 30 years.

GREAT KIDNEY REMEDY SAVES TWO CHILDREN IN ONE FAMILY

About one year ago two of my children suffered badly from weak kidneys. They would have severe spells of dizziness and were always run down. I was just about discouraged. I tried several remedies and finally a doctor, but they did not seem to improve. I knew of a friend who was using Swamp-Root for kidney trouble with good results and I decided to get some for the children. I had trouble after they had taken two large bottles and continued to give it to them until they had taken one-half dozen bottles and were well on the road to recovery. I think Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root has done more for my children than any other medicine I have tried and recommended it to anyone having children that suffer an ailing child.

Very truly yours,
R. W. LISSENEY,
Cutham, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 2nd day of July, 1909, R. W. Lisseney, who subscribed to the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and fact.

A. W. LISSENEY, Notary Public.

Letter to
Dr. Kilmor & Co.,
Birmingham, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmor & Co., Cutham, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Conneltsville Daily Courier. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores—Adv.

SOCIETY.

Preparatory Services
Services preparatory to the regular communion services will be held on Wednesday evening at the regular prayer services of the First Presbyterian Church. Following the preparatory services the session will meet to receive those who wish to unite with the church.

Will Entertain Bridge Club.
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Presbyterian Church will entertain the Dunbar Bridge Club Thursday evening at her home on Gibson avenue.

W. C. T. U. to Meet.
The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Carnegie Free Library. All members are requested to attend.

A. O. U. Auxiliary.
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet Thursday evening in the Catholic school hall.

Tuesday Night Club.
Miss Sarah Crook will entertain the Tuesday Night Fancy Work Club this evening at her home in South Conneltsville.

Bartholomew-Whitely.
George W. Whitely and Miss Bartholomew were married at a marriage license yesterday in Uniontown. The marriage will take place this week.

Miss Barnhart of West Fayette street, the bridegroom is a well known Baltimore & Ohio engineer.

Missionary Meeting.
The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held Thursday afternoon in the church.

Fancy Work Club.
The Vanderbilt Fancy Work Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. J. Reed at Vandenberg. It is the regular monthly meeting and all members are invited.

FOURTEEN MEN SHOT

Four Mortally Wounded in Steel Strike.

ROOSEVELT, N. J., Jan. 19.—Fourteen men were shot, four of them being mortally wounded, in a pitched battle between 250 striking laborers and 50 deputy sheriffs at the plant of the American Agricultural Chemical Company here today.

The fight occurred when the strikers stopped a central railroad of New Jersey train from Elizabethport to see if the train brought strike breakers to the plant. A few other employees who were passengers started an outcry, apparently believing that the strikers intended harm to them.

In answer to the call, 50 deputies armed with rifles and revolvers ran to the scene from the company's plant where they had been stationed for the last two weeks.

A general encounter between the strikers and the deputies followed. At first only stones were used. Then some one fired a shot. The shot was fatal for a fusillade which came from both sides. None of the deputies was injured but many of the strikers fell.

Most of the wounded men were shot through the legs as the deputies fired low. The strikers dispersed some of them carrying the wounded away. The four most seriously wounded were taken to a hospital at Elizabeth and far away. It was said that these men probably would die.

WELLS' BAIL STANDS.

Smaller Amount, However, Will be Fixed by the Court.

By Associated Press.
CHARLESTON, Jan. 19.—A Leo Wells, indicted yesterday by a special grand jury on a charge of attempting to bribe C. H. Bronson, member of the Public Service Commission, will remain under \$25,000 bond until tomorrow, according to an agreement reached by the returned and prosecuting attorneys.

A new bond for a smaller amount will be fixed by the court at that time when the date of trial will be set, probably for the 10th.

She is a Wise Woman.
Who recognizes in the tell-tale symptoms such as headache, dizziness, dragging sensations, nervousness and irritability the true cause and relief on Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore her to a healthy normal condition. For forty years this root and herb remedy has been pre-eminent successful in controlling the diseases of women. Merit alone could have stood such a test of time—Adv.

German Report Advances.
BERLIN, via wireless to London, Jan. 19.—Artillery duel. In the west, unfavorable weather conditions in the east and a repulse to the Russians at Shermor north of the Vistula river by the German army headquarters.

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A LATE SUIT.
Isn't Deeds the lawyer a rather extravagant man?

By no means. I've known him to make one suit last for several years.

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BAD COLD? GET RELIEF AT ONCE WITHOUT QUININE

"Pape's Cold Compound" Ends Severe Cold or Grippe in Few Hours.

You can end gripple and break up a severe cold either in head, chest, body or limbs, by taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound." Every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops mucus discharge or nose running, relieves sore throat, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, succeeding soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay snuggled up! Quit blowing and sniffing! Breathe your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such a prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without inconvenience, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine—Adv.

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DEATHS.

Mrs. Clara Mitchell, 72 years old, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, Madore Mitchell at Cheltenham.

Infant Daughter Dies.
An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cunningham of the West Side, died last night at the family residence on Ninth street.

MEYERSDALE MAN WINS

Levi Deal's Control of Erie Coal & Coke Company is Upheld.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.—By a decision of Justice Potter the State Supreme Court has decided in favor of the Deal faction in the fight among shareholders in the Erie Coal & Coke Company. There were two decisions, one affirming the Deal faction's control of the company where mines are located upholding Levi Deal's right to presidency and general management of the company and the other from Somerset county, where the others are, declaring that the Deal faction for directors was legally elected.

In the Somerset county suit the court had to decide whether the Deal faction was properly elected in October, 1914, under the supervision of a master, at which the Deal faction elected a majority of the directors, was legal. The lower court was justified in holding that Deal's vote by Levi Deal was properly offered and the refusal to permit him to so vote was in violation of his legal rights.

The appellate court also affirmed the lower court in upholding the master's refusal to allow the Deal faction to vote 100 shares specifically issued to it as a creditor of the coal company. These shares, it is held, were issued illegally and the order to vote them was rejected.

In the opinion relating to Levi Deal's right to the office of president and general manager, Justice Potter says that the decision in the Somerset county suit is binding on the management in the hands of a board friendly to Deal. Therefore the question of the right to remove him as general manager becomes of no practical importance. The directors chosen by the stockholders at the election under the supervision of the court constitute the legal board and are entitled to control and management of the company and to appoint and remove the officers and employees.

Brewery Directors Named.
At a meeting of the Erie Brewing Company held yesterday in Uniontown the following directors for the ensuing year were chosen: James McGehee, J. W. Halston, W. A. McLaughlin, C. W. Whitson, and C. A. Stenger. The directors will meet at a later date to organize.

Do You Want Help?
Try our classified ads. One cent a word. Results follow.

CITY LEAGUE

The Cooley Gang took three straight from the Glasgow and Temple alleys last night. The scores:

GIANTS.
Santmyer 59 135 110 361
Henderson 121 115 111 357
Brown 98 93 93 285
H. Wright 82 129 103 306
Dead Man 89 80 80 210

Total 482 513 497 1492

COOLEY GANG.
Sherriff 102 100 101 296
Duckett 115 123 97 335
Evans 100 102 92 295
Mullen 122 111 102 268
Sherriff 95 87 85 267

Total 625 627 599 1562

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
W. L. Pct.
Cooley Gang 2 2.000
Allies 4 2.000
Cubs 2 2.000
Giants 3 3.000
Was-Goods 1 2.000
Dragoons 2 2.000

B. & O. LEAGUE

The Tigers took three straight from the Naps on the Opperman-Wilson alley yesterday. The scores:

TIGERS.
Irwain 95 95 98 274
Wesol 68 83 83 241
O'Connor 96 85 81 262
W. J. King 88 92 93 273
P. Opperman 127 111 104 115

Total 477 459 459 1266

NAIPS.
Cunningham 102 94 82 278
Wrote 98 85 85 261
Wesol 110 93 104 307
Rider 71 71 71 213
Burked 85 92 100 284

Total 477 459 459 1266

Stars Defeat Dawson.
The Stars defeated Dawson in a two-ball match last night on the Opperman-Wilson alley. Score:

DAWSON.
Moore 92 107 120 319
McLairde 77 73 74 226
Heinz 91 107 75 271

Total 260 287 269 816

CONNELLSVILLE.
McGrath 95 102 95 292
Heinbaugh 124 92 79 306
Opperman 119 95 95 309
Total 498 289 269 906

Clerks Win.
In the Westmoreland League, the Clerks took two out of three from the Salesman. The scores:

CLERKS.
Moody 115 105 121 341
Fisher 98 101 91 290
Baker 81 92 103 277
Sarver 100 95 110 306
Tromberth 108 95 95 302

Total 502 494 522 1469

SALESMEN.
Long 94 101 100 295
Murphy 90 108 90 288
Camp 111 106 103 299
Knecker 79 95 89 263
Ruse 85 85 85 255

Total 499 495 497 1491

George Randolph Chester

Famous Author, says:

"Why shouldn't a man be willing to recommend a tobacco which gives as cool, sweet and satisfying a smoke as Tuxedo?"

For Mentally Alert Men—Tuxedo

George Randolph Chester's "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" stories have delighted thousands through the mental alertness, good humor and keen mind shown by the wily promoter.

When George Randolph Chester writes of things typically American he knows what he is talking about; and when he endorses Tuxedo—the typically American tobacco—his endorsement carries great weight with the keen-minded, alert and brainy smokers of this country.

PETEY DINK—Petey Doesn't Quite Agree With Mabel.

EASTERN OHIO'S
COAL STRIKE HAS
BEEN A BIG LOSS

Both Miners and Operators
Suffer Severely by
Tiemp.

PITS IDLE NEARLY A YEAR

Dispute Over Basis of Payment Under
Mine-Hill Schedule the Cause;
Operators Say They Cannot Pay
Scale Demanded and Make a Profit.

The strike in the Eastern Ohio coal field, which has resulted in the loss of that district being idle since last April, has been a costly thing for both the operators and the men. Although there has been virtually no violence, which places this dispute almost in a class as far as coal mine strikes are concerned, it is feared that trouble may follow the serious effort apparently about to be made to end striking miners from company houses.

Unlike the 1909 trouble in Arkansas and Colorado, there has been no trouble and no destruction of property, in spite of the fact that fully 12,000 men are involved. From time to time, however, reports of breaks in both camps are given, which were promptly denied by the other side.

The operators claim that most of the miners are willing to return to work, and will return with the first break, and on the other hand the miners declare that it is only a matter of time before some of the operators will break away from the producers' organization because they cannot afford to let their mines remain idle much longer.

The strike in many ways is one of the most interesting that have ever taken place among miners in the United States. Though the mine industry which it has continued almost entirely no different has been caused by the miners' they have been quiet in their homes and have done no property. The operators have made no attempt until now to induce the men to go to work or to run their mines in any other way.

For a long time the miners received no relief and they were given at best periods small sums totaling about \$12 each, between April and September 1. Since September, however, each miner has received \$7 a week from the treasury of their union, the United Mine Workers of America, and recently the amount was increased to about a week for the wife and each child in a miner's family. For these payments are popular and many suffering which existed at the beginning of the strike has practically been done away with, many people believe the miners will refuse to return to work until their demands are complied with.

The union officials say that this amount has been more than needed if the men would have accepted the existing business conditions. They say it is enough to keep the miners comfortably and since the prospects for continued payment are good, it will be impossible to starve the miners into submission.

The difficulties are the result of a law passed last winter by the Ohio legislature regulating the weighting of coal at the mines. Previously the law of Ohio permitted the making of contracts by which machine mined

coal was paid for only according to the amount of coal screened. Under the contract from April 1, 1912, to March 21, 1914, the rate was 52 1/2 cents for screened coal.

The new law made constitutional by an amendment to the Ohio constitution adopted two years ago, provided that every mine and loader of coal in the state paid on the basis of the ton or other weight, should be paid according to the total weight of the coal mined. The dispute rests on what percentage of the total coal mined stays on top of the screen and what percentage goes through. The miners agreed to accept the equivalent of the previous year's contract, and since the difference came in the percentage, which would make that equivalent, it has no far been impossible to fix a "run of mine" scale, as the scale for the total coal just as it comes from the mine is known.

The miners maintain that five-eighths of the coal mined remains on top of the screen and two-sevenths goes through. This has been considered the equivalent in the Hooking Valley scale, upon which the Eastern Ohio scale was based, for 29 years previous. It is stated, however, it was necessary to use a run of mine price. It would make the run of mine price 19 1/2 cents a ton, be five-eighths of 52 1/2 cents.

Joint conferences were held between the union officials and operators of the state and the Eastern Ohio mine operators refused to agree to that rate. They finally withdrew from the conference, leaving the other operators of the state to settle the matter themselves. The miners agreed to compromise on a 12-cent rate and their promise to the operators was that other Ohio districts that this would be the uniform rate throughout Ohio.

The Eastern Ohio operators, however, refused to agree to that rate. They maintained that their books, when it is an average, showed the percentage of lump coal should be 34 and the percentage of fine coal 66. They further held that the coal they mined was of the same vein as that mined in the Western Pennsylvania district, that their competitors were the operators of Western Pennsylvania, and that the rate for run of mine coal in the Western Pennsylvania district was 44 1/2, and that an unfair advantage would be given the Western Pennsylvania operators by making the rate in Eastern Ohio higher than that known as the Pittsburgh rate.

The scale which they wanted would be equivalent to the previous contract, but at 12 1/2 cents a ton, a third of a cent more than what they said was the equivalent, but offered, they maintained, in order to bring it up to the Pittsburgh rate. The other was a rate of 12 1/2 cents a ton, a third of a cent less than the rate which was figured on the 64 and 36 percentage rate.

When the contract between the operator and miners expired March 21, 1914, the operators closed their mines, refusing even to accept the offer of the miners to continue at the old scale until May 26, when the new law would become effective. From April 1 until May 26 the situation was termed a "lockout." From May 26, when the offer of the operators was refused by the miners, it has been termed a strike. Numerous conditions have been laid out, but with them all a general agreement between the two factions, through their own efforts, seems further off than ever.

However, the majority of the district are looking with much hope to the efforts of Hywell Davies, mining engineer, Lexington, Ky., former mediator in the Colorado strike, and Daniel J. Keefe, of Chicago, former commissioner general of immigration, who have been appointed by Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Labor to bring about a reconciliation, if possible. These two men began their work a week ago.

Mr. Davies, conferring with officials of the operators in Cleveland, while Mr. Keefe took up the matter with miners' officials in Indianapolis. Mr. Keefe arrived in Wheeling, W. Va., Tuesday night and Mr. Davies on Wednesday. Their plans are bringing the leaders of the opposite factions together.

Concerned in the difficulties are between 70 and 80 mines which under ordinary conditions employ an average of 15,000 to 17,000 men. The mines are all in Belmont, Jefferson and Harrison counties, Ohio, the majority being in Belmont county. The miners' field has been limited on from Ridgeport, O., directly across the Ohio river from Wheeling, where the sub-district office of the United Mine Workers of America is situated, while the operators have conducted their activities from Cleveland, where are the main offices of almost all of the companies. The Pittsburgh Vein operators' Association, the membership of which is composed of the majority of the operators of the district, has taken the lead in the fight, having the support of all but a few of the operators who are not members of the association. About 75 companies are concerned in all.

Together the 12,000 men who are paid to be on strike, it is estimated 25,000 wives and children of the miners must be cared for as well. However, these are being well supplied with clothing, fuel and money for food and since about half of them live in company houses, for which no rent is being collected now, and a large part of the other half own their own homes, there is little suffering.

In a business way, however, the district has been terribly hurt. Under ordinary circumstances it is estimated between 15,000,000 and 17,000,000 tons of coal are mined annually, the Eastern Ohio district having some of the richest coal lands in the country. During the past nine months practically no coal has been mined there for commercial use and at least the next three months are expected to make little difference. The mines have become somewhat disabled and while some might be put in conditions for work within a few weeks, others will require months.

The operators estimate the loss in pay to the miners during the period of idleness at \$1,000,000 a month, while the railroads are credited with a similar loss. Business people of the district depending upon the mine industry are also among those who have been injured. Ohio has lost as a state as its miners are working, and some of them only on short time because of the poor business conditions, have contributed liberally to the support of their fellow union members who were in want.

Besides the effect of the district and the state in general—and it is stated that the total loss there would be from \$35,000,000 to \$10,000,000—many other cities have also been affected. Pittsburgh in particular, which has a large part of the supply of coal which goes into the district and most of the mining apparatus, has been a heavy loser.

The merchants have also shared many of their former employees, in some cases cutting down their forces from five to 10 to one or two employees. The railroads also have laid off most of their crews. There is, therefore, in the district a great many of unemployed, placing just that much heavier burden on those who have work.

How the strike will result few of those still neutral and who understand the situation care to predict. If the miners win, some say, the mines cannot be operated on a paying basis. If the operators win, they state, it will mean a great blow to the union movement, the district, and the country. It is stated, however, that the end of the section to the other, and in all surrounding territory, which is far a removal of operations and the restoration of business.

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Following this comes "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" on February 15, and "Robin Hood," probably the best comedy opera ever produced, on a date yet to be fixed, but during February. "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" Cassin's production of the new war play, is also coming on a date yet to be fixed and "High Jinks" the musical comedy, that has created a furore wherever it has appeared, with the original company, the only one playing the piece, on April 28.

A date will likely be arranged for "Sari," the Hungarian comedy opera, which appeared in Pittsburgh last week and "The Little Cafe," also one of the season's biggest hits.

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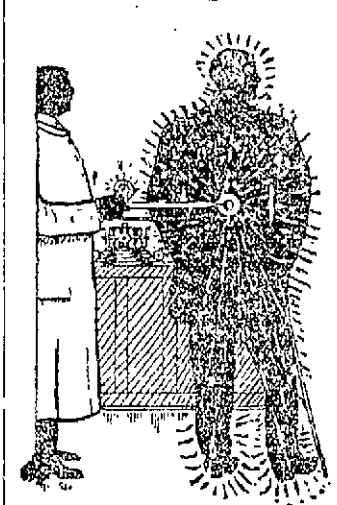


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"By the mediocre, you might have added, 'That's the difficulty with individuality; it refuses to be harmonized by mediocrity and mediocrity holds the whip-hand, always. I represent the mediocre.'"

"Oh, never!" said Elsa animatedly. "Mediocrity is always without courage."

"You are wrong. It has the courage of its convictions."

"Father is not so stubbornness, willful refusal to recognize things as they are!"

He countered the question with another. "Supposing we were all individuals, in the sense you mean? Supposing each of us did exactly as he pleased? Can you honestly imagine a more confusing place than this world would be? The Manchurian pony is a wild little beast, an individual if ever there was one; but man tames him and puts to use his energies. And so it is with human individuality. We of the mediocre tame and harness and make it useful to the general welfare of humanity. And when we encounter the untamable, in order to safeguard ourselves, we must turn it back into the wilderness, an outlaw. Indeed, I might call individuality an element, like fire and water and air."

"But who conquers fire and water and air?" Elsa demanded, believing she had him pocketed.

"Mediocrity, through the individual of this or that being. Humanity in the bulk is mediocre. And odd as it seems, individuality (which is another word for genius) believes it leads mediocrity. But it cannot be made to understand that mediocrity ordains the leadership."

"Then you contend that in the hands of the stupid lies the balance of power?"

"Let us not say stupid, rather the unimaginative, the practical and the plodding. The stubborn person in the world is one with an idea."

"Do you honestly insist that you are mediocre?"

"No," thoughtfully. "I am one of those stubborn men with ideas. I merely insist that I prefer to accept the tenets of mediocrity for my own peace and the peace of others."

Elsa forgot those about her, forgot her intended humiliation of the man at her side. He dived that he was an individual, but he was one, an interesting one as she had met in a very long time. She, too, had made a blunder. Quick to form opinions, swift to judge, she stood guilty with the com-



She Needed Pleasantly to the Colonel.

mon lot, who permit impressions instead of evidence to sway them. Here was a man.

"We have gone far afield," she said, a tacit admission that she could not refute his dissertations. This knowledge, however, was not irksome.

"Rather have we not come to the bare? Shall we let them down? In the civil and military life on this side of the world there are many situations which we perform most tolerably. But those, and you, are settled conditions. It is upon new ones which arise that we pass judgment. I know nothing about you, nothing whatever. So I judge you according to the rules."

Elsa leaned upon her elbow, and she smiled a little as she noted that the purple had gone from his nose and that it had resumed its accustomed rubricity.

"I go on. A woman who travels alone, who does not present letters of introduction, who..."

"Who attends strictly to her own affairs. Go on."

Impetuously he continued: "Who seeks the acquaintance of men who do not belong, as you Americans say."

"Not men, one man," she corrected. "A trifling difference. Well, it arouses a disagreeable word, suspicion. For look, there have been examples. It isn't as if you were an isolated case. There have been examples, and these we apply to such at-

fairs as come under our notice."

"And it doesn't matter that you may be totally wrong?"

His prompt answer astonished her. "No, it does not matter in the least. Simmered down, it may be explained in a word, appearances. And I must say, to the normal mind..."

"The mediocre mind."

"To the normal and mediocre mind, appearances were against you. Observe, please, that I did not know I was wrong, that you were a remarkable young woman. My deductions were made from what I saw as an outsider. On the inwardly you made the acquaintance of a man who came out here a fugitive from justice. After you made his acquaintance, you sought him out. In fact, repelled any advances. This alone decided me."

"Then you were decided?" To say that this blunt exposition was not bitter to her taste, that it did not act like acid upon her pride, would not be true. She was hurt, but she did not let the hurt beg her sense of justice. From his point of view the colonel was in no fault. "Let me tell you how very wrong you were indeed."

"Doubtless," he hastily interposed; "you enveloped the man in a cloud of romance."

"On the contrary, I spoke to him and sought his companionship because he was nothing more nor less than a ghost."

"Ah! Is it possible that you know him in former times?"

"No. But he was so like the man at home; so identical in features and build to the man I expected to go home to marry..."

"My dear young lady, you are right. Mediocrity is without imagination, stupid, and makes the world a dull place indeed. What woman in your place would have acted otherwise? I need of one apology I offer a thousand."

"I accept each and all of them. More, I believe that you and I could get on capitally. I can very well imagine the soldier you used to be. I am going to ask you what you know about Mr. Warrington."

"This, that he is not a fit companion for a young woman like yourself; that a detracting rumor follows hard upon his heels wherever he goes. I learned something about him in Rangoon. He is known to the staff as Parrot & Co., and I don't know what else. All of us on shipboard learned his peculiar history. And not from respectable quarters, either."

"If I had been elderly and without physical attractions?" Elsa inquired earnestly.

"We are dealing with human nature, mediocrity, and not with speculation. It is in the very nature of things to distrust that which we do not understand. You say, old and without physical attractions. Beauty is of all things most drawing. We crowd about it, we crown it, we flatter it. The old and unattractive we pass by. If I had not seen you bore tonight, heard you talk, saw in a kind of rebellious abandonment your knowledge of the world and your distinguished acquaintance, I should have gone to my grave believing that my suspicions were correct. I dare say that I shall make the same mistake again."

"Did you learn among other things what Mr. Warrington had done?"

"Yes. A scolded affair. Ordinary speculations that were wasted over gaming tables."

Warrington had told her the truth. At least, the story told by others coincided with his own. But what was it that kept doubt in her mind? Why should she not be ready to believe what others believed, what the man himself had confessed? What was it to her that he looked like Arthur, that he was satirical or innocent?

"And his name?" She wondered if the colonel knew that also.

"Warrington is assumed. His real name is Paul Ellison."

"Paul Ellison?" She repeated it slowly. Her voice did not seem her own. The table, the lights, the faces, all receded and became a blur.

CHAPTER XV.

A Bit of a Lark.

Mallow gave Craig one of his favorite cigars. The gambler turned it over and inspected the carnelian label, realizing that this was expected of him. Mallow smiled conscientiously. They might smoke as good as that at the government house, but he rather doubted it. Trust a Britisher to know a good pipe-charge; but his selection of cigars was seldom to be depended upon.

"Don't see many of these out here," was Craig's comment, and he tucked away the cigar in a vest pocket.

"They cost me forty-three cents apiece, without duty." The vulgarism of pleasure lies not in the article itself so much as in the price paid for it. On the plantation Mallow smoked Burma cheroots because he really preferred them. There, he drank rye whiskey, consorted with his employees, gambled with them and was not above cheating when he had them drunk enough. Away from home, however, he was the man of money; he bought vintage wines when he could, wore silks, jingled the sovereigns whenever

he thought someone might listen, but led the servants, all with the childlike belief that he was following the foot steps of aristocracy, headwinking no one, not even his kind. "I'm worth a quarter of a million," he went on. "Luck and plugging did it. One of these fine days I'm going to sell out and take a whack at that gay Paris. There's the place to spend your pile. You can't get your money's worth any place else."

Paris. Craig's thought flew back to the prosperous days when he was plying his trade between New York and Cherbourg, on the Atlantic liners, the annual fortnight in Paris and the Grand Prix. He had had his diamonds, then, and his wallet of yellow-backs, and when he had called for vintage wines and choice Havanas it had been for genuine love of them. In his heart he despised Mallow. He knew himself to be a rogue, but Mallow without money would have been a bold predatory scoundrel. Craig knew also that he himself was at soul too cowardly to be more than despicably bad. He envied Mallow's absolute fearlessness, his frank brutality, his strength upon which discipline had as yet left no mark; and Mallow was easily forty-five.

"When you go to Paris, I'd like to go along."

"You've never let on why they sent you biding out here," Mallow suggested.

"One of my habits is keeping my mouth shut."

"Regarding your own affairs, yes. But you're willing enough to talk when it comes to giving away the other chap."

"You can play that hand as well as I can." Craig scowled toward the dining room doors.

"Hail! There they come," said Mallow, as a group of men and women issued out into the cafe veranda. "By gad she is a beauty, and no mistake. And will you look at our friend, the colonel, tottering behind her?"

"If you could get a good look at her when she's angry, you'd change your tune."

Mallow smiled audibly. "Most women are tame, and that's why I've fought shy of the yoke. Yesterday's sort for me. The man who marries her will have his work cut out. It'll take a year or two to find out who's boss; and if she wins, lord help the man!"

Craig eyed the group which was now seated. Two Chinamen were serving coffee and cordials. Mallow was right; beautiful was the word. He poured out for himself a stiff peg and drank it with very little savor.

"Haven't seen the crowd anywhere, have you?"

"No, nor want to. Leave him alone."

"Afraid of him, eh?"

"I'm truthful enough to say that I'm damned afraid of him. Don't mistake me. I'd like to see him flat, beaten, down and out for good. I'd like to see him lose that windfall, every cent of it. But I don't want to get in his way just now."

"Rot! Don't you worry; no bench-comer like that can stand up long in front of me. He threatened on board that he was going to collect that fifty pounds. He hasn't been very apy about it."

"I should like to be with you when you meet."

Mallow grinned. "Not above seeing a pal get walloped, eh? Well, you get a rugulose ticket. It'll be worth it."

"I don't want to see you get licked," denied Craig irritably. "All I ask is that you shelve some of your cocksureness. I'm not so dead broke that I must swallow all of it. I've warned you that he is a strong man. He used to be one of the best college athletes in America."

"College!" exploded Mallow. "What the devil does a college athlete know about a dock-fight?"

"Ever see a game of football?"

"No."

"Well, take it from me that it's the roughest game going. It's a game where you put your boot in a man's face when he's not looking. Mallow, they kill each other in that game. And Ellison was one of the best, fifteen years ago. He used to win through a ton of cold, scragging, plunging heels. And nine times out of ten he used to get through. I want you to beat him up, and it's because I do that I'm warning you not to underestimate him. On shipboard he handled me as you would a bag of salt; damn him! He's a surprise to me. He looks as if he had lived clean out here. There's no boozing sign hanging out on him, like there is on you and me."

"Booze never hurt me any."

"You're galvanized inside," said Craig, staring again at Elsa. He wished he knew how to hurt her, too. But he might as well throw stones at the stars.

"How would you like to put one over on this chap Ellison?"

"In what way?"

Mallow smoked for a moment, then touched his breast pocket significantly. "Not for mine," returned Craig. "Cards are my long suit. I'm no second-story man, yet."

"I know. But supposing you could get it without risk?"

"In the first place, the bulk of his cash is tied up in letters of credit."

"Ah, you know that?"

"What good would it do to pinch those? In Europe there would be some chance, but not here where boats are two weeks apart. A cable to Rangoon would shut off all drawing. He could have others made out. In cash he may have a few hundreds."

"All gamblers are more or less yellow," sneered Mallow. "The streak in you is pretty wide. I tell you, you wouldn't risk your skin. Are you game to put one over that will cost him a lot of worry and trouble?"

"So long as I can stand outside the ropes and look on."

"He has a thousand pounds in his belt. No matter how I found out,

How'd you like to put your hand on it if you were sure it would not burn your fingers?"

"I'd like to, all right. But it's got to be mighty certain. And the belt must be handed to me by someone else. I've



"You Fool, I Don't Want Him Out of the Way."

half a wonder if you're not aiming to get rid of me," with an evil glance at his tempter.

"If I wanted to get rid of you, this'd be the way," said Mallow, opening and shutting his powerful hands. "I'm just hanging for a bit of a lark. Come on. A thousand pounds for taking a little rickshaw ride. Ever hear of Wong's? Opium, pearls, oils and shark fins?"

"No."

"Not many do. I know Singapore like the lines on my hands. Wong is the shrewdest, most lawless Chinaman this side of Canton and Macao. Pipes, pearls and shark fins. Big money. Wong's the man to go to. Want a schooner rigged out for illicit shell hunting? Want a man slung high? Want him written down missing? Go to Wong."

"See here, Mallow, I don't mind his being honest, but what you say doesn't sound good."

"You fool, I don't want him out of the way. Why should I? But there's that thousand for you and worry for him. All aboard!"

"You don't love Parrot & Co. any more than I do."

"No. I'd sleep better o' nights if I knew he was broken for keeps. Too much red tape to put the United States after him. How'd you rig him?"

"Faro and roulette. They never tumble. I didn't have anything against him until he ran into me at Rangoon. But he's stepped in too many times since. Is this straight?"

"About lifting his belt? Easy as falling off a log. Leave it to me. His room is on the first gallery, facing southeast. You can chalk it up as a vengeance. I'll take it on as a bit of good sport. Wong will fix us out. Now look alive. It's after nine, and I'd like a little fun first."

The two left the cafe veranda and engaged a pair of rickshaws. As they jogged down the road, Warrington stepped out from behind the palms and moodily watched them until the night swallowed them up. He had not overheard their interesting conversation; nor had he known they were about until they came down the steps together. He ached to follow them.

He was in a fine mood for blows. That there were two of them did not trouble him. Of one thing he was assured: Somewhere in the dim past an ancestor of his had died in a berserk rage.

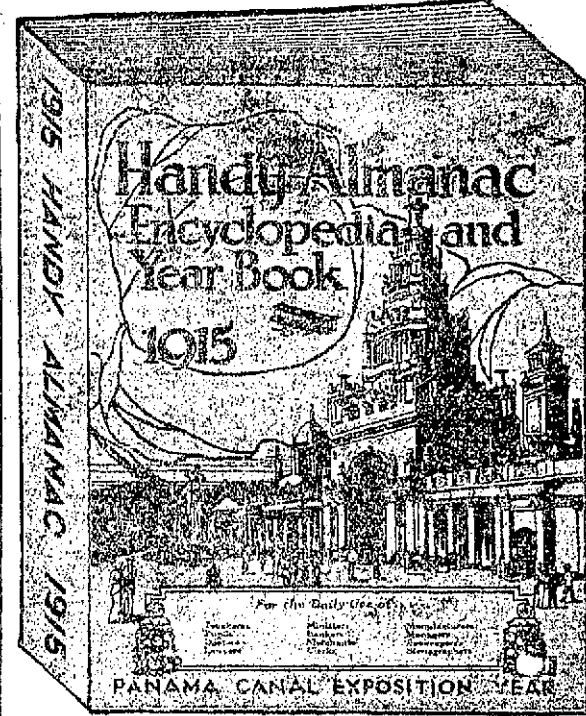
He had been watching Elsa. It disturbed but did not mystify him to see her talking to the colonel. Table-chance had brought them together, and perhaps to a better understanding. How pale she was! From time to time he caught the flash of her eyes as she turned to this or that guest. Once she smiled, but the smile did not lighten up her face. He was very wretched and miserable. She had taken him at his word, and he should have been glad. He had seen her but once on board, but she had looked away. It was lost so. Yet, it was as if fate had reached down into his heart and snapped the strings which made life tenebrous.

And tomorrow? What would tomorrow bring? Would they refuse? Would they demand the full penalty? Eighty thousand with interest was a small sum to such a corporation. He had often wondered if they had searched for him. Ten years. In the midst of these negotiations he saw the group at the table rise and break up. Elsa entered the hotel. Warrington turned away and waited aimlessly toward dawn. For hours he wandered about, seeing nothing, hearing nothing; and it was long past midnight when he sought his room, restless and weary but wide awake. He called for a stiff peg, drank it, and tumbled into bed. He was whirled away into broken dreams. He was in the Andes, toiling with his gliders over unpeopled chasms. A shifting glance at the old billiard room in the club, the letter, and his subsequent wild night of intoxication, the one time in his life when he had drunk hard and long. Back to the Indian deserts and jungles. And he heard the shriek of parrots.

The shriek of parrots. He sat up. Even in his dream he recognized that cry. Night or day, Rajah always shrieked when someone entered the room. Warrington silently slid out of bed and dashed to the door which led to the gallery. A body thudded against his. He caught hold. The

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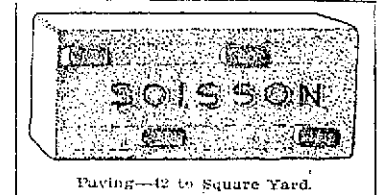
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